Title: Need to take steps to check the menace caused by wild elephants in the Periyakulam Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu. − Laid.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID (PERIYANKULAM): In Cumbum constituency, Pudupatti and other adjoining down hill areas, the farmers are living in great unbearable situation due to havoc and panic caused by elephants coming from the adjoining forest areas. So far three persons have been trampled to death by the elephants and many of them have been injured. The elephants have caused great damage to the sugarcane/maize/paddy/groundnut crops including plantain trees. The centre part tender leaves (kuruthu) of coconut saplings with which the trees grow, are damaged and eaten by the wild elephants. I request the Central Government to suitably advise the State Government or Ministry of Agriculture, government of India to lay border fencing on the down hill in order to protect the innocent lives and the small farmers' livelihood. I also request the government to give compensation for the loss of lives/properties to the people in Cumbum Assembly Constituency which comes under Periyankulam Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.